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1. In February 1950 authorities in Fukien Province began to mobilize labor for repairing highways and bridges in all areas. Attention was concentrated on the two main northern highways: one from Chi'angshan (118-37, 28-45) to Pucheng (118-29, 28-01) and Chienyang (118-03, 27-23); the second from Shangjiao (117-54, 28-26) and Chienshan (117-44, 28-09) to Chienyang. Local governments along these roads were alerted for welcoming 300,000 troops, which were scheduled to travel these routes.
2. About the middle of March several units of the 9 Army Group under SUNG Shih-lun (宋時輪)* of the 3 Field Army arrived at Shangjiao. From Shangjiao they proceeded by road to Chienshan, Kutien (118-51, 26-35), Paisha (119-05, 26-10), and Hungshanchiao (119-17, 26-06). After 20 March, the armies marched by night to Fuching (119-23, 25-43) and Pingtan (119-47, 25-30); one went south to Chuanchou (118-51, 26-35) on the Hsiamen (Amoy)-Foochow Highway.
3. Local authorities were informed by higher officials that the 9 Army Group was to be coordinated with the 10 Army Group in the liberation first of Chinmen (118- , 24-) and Matsu Isle (120- , 26-), and then of Taiwan, the latter part of the program to be completed by the Dragon Festival on 19 June 1950. The 9 Army Group was being put into position for the attack on Chinmen.
4. There are large concentrations of food supplies and munitions at Nantai (118-06, 27-38) and Hungshanchiao west of Foochow and at Paisha, twenty-five kilometers northwest of Foochow. Communist naval preparations include requisitioning and construction of shipping. More than a thousand sailing vessels and junks requisitioned on the Min River in March, have been assigned to Pingtan and other coastal cities. In Foochow, approximately two hundred vessels of ten tons each have been completed and many more are still under construction.
5. CH'EN Shao-k'uan (陳紹寬),** a native of Fukien, returned from a visit to Shanghai made on CH'EN I's invitation to participate in the East China Political Conference. He brought back with him CHANG Ping-ch'eng (張秉丞), chairman of the Fukien Provincial government, to aid in invasion preparations.
6. The Foochow Military Control Commission has been dissolved. The garrison headquarters has been established in the former premises of the Peace

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Preservation Headquarters, and the garrison maintains law and order in the city.

7. Fukien authorities are enlisting students, both male and female, between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five, for in-service training in the Fukien Provincial government. They will be trained in government service while continuing their education at the Communist military, political, and medical schools. Eventually they are to be assigned to positions in Taiwan, since they speak the proper dialect.*** Senior high school students are also receiving five of their thirty hours of instruction a week in political fields and are asked after class hours to work in villages or assist with propaganda. Graduates are expected to go into political work and not continue their studies in advanced institutions.
8. A "support the front" command has also been established in Foochow to boost the morale of incoming troops dreading the prospect of amphibious operations. For morale purposes, the death of CHU Shao-ch'ing**** (朱紹清), commander of the 28 Army, who was killed in action at the battle of Chinmen, was not been announced to the soldiers, and orders are still issued in his name.

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- * Comment. SUNG has been previously reported, first as commander of the 28 Army of the Third Field Army, then as commander of the Ninth Army Group; he was rumored to have been captured by the Nationalists at Chinmentao 27 October 1949 in the unsuccessful Communist attack on the island. 25X1X6

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- ** Comment. According to another source, evaluated CH'EN Shao-k'uan is not trusted by the Communists since his defection and has little prestige. Most of his former subordinates have already defected to the Communists. The only remaining high-ranking Fukienese in the Nationalist navy, the captain of the "Chung Lien" (中練), is not expected to defect. See

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- *** Comment. The Taiwanese dialect was originally derived from the Fukienese and is still very similar.

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- **** Comment. CHU was reported as commander of the 28 Army in November 1949; it was then under the 10 Army Group.

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